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What is it?

Canada's Digital Collections, an element of the federal government's Youth Employment Strategy, is a program that pays young people to create Web sites featuring Canada's vast informational resources for access by all on the Information Highway.

Who's involved?

Canada's Digital Collections is a program that gives young Canadians, aged 15 to 30, entrepreneurial and technology-based experience. Youth obtain valuable hands-on work experience while converting important Canadian content in the public domain for display on the Information Highway. Since 1995, over 1900 young people have participated and worked on more than 300 projects. Funding for Canada's Digital collections is provided under the Youth Employment Strategy.

How does it work?

Canada's Digital Collections awards contracts to Canadian firms, associations, institutions, museums, libraries, archives, educational institutions and other organizations to hire teams of young people to digitize text,

images, and audio and video material, and incorporate it in attractive Web sites for display on SchoolNet. As a collection, these Web sites demonstrate the growing pool of skills, talent and content available to the Canadian multimedia industry.

How can I access it?

Visit Canada's Digital Collections Web site at <http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections> or go directly to these sites for a sampling:

Canadian Arctic Profiles

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/arctic>

Pieces of Paper: Japanese Air Balloon Bombings

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/balloons>

Satellites

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/satellites>

1880's Newfoundland — A Pictorial

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/nfld>

Women Artists in Canada

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/waic/>

Canada's Aquatic Environments

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/aquatic>

A Chinese Canadian Story: The Yip Sang Family

<http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/yipsang>

Cape Dorset Inuit Art and Inuit Cultural Perspectives

http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections/cape_dorset

For more information, please contact:

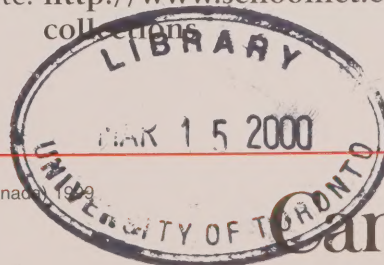
Telephone: 1-800-575-9200

TTY: 1-800-465-7735

Web site: <http://www.schoolnet.ca/collections>

"It provided me with valuable experience in designing Web sites. The program also helped me improve my skills in group work, and digital image and graphics manipulation."

***Scott McCulloch,
Gibsons, British Columbia***



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